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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES  
CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES  
District G

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## Chapter 17 - Diane Whorton, President

Chapter 17 held their nominations meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. All current officers were unopposed for the new term 2015 thru 2018 and, by motion for each position, declared elected by acclamation. Officers will be sworn in at the meeting closest to July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> or possibly the Board of Directors meeting in San Diego on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was also passed that the President would assume a delegate seat with that position.

At this time we are eligible for 7 delegates based on the number of members. The President will fill one seat. We have 6 seats left and 8 candidates running. You will vote for 6 candidates.

Ballots will be mailed out by April 20<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to Corporate Office by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open and be sure and vote.

## LONG TERM CARE

At the recent CSR Health Benefits Meeting R. Gray Scott from CalPERS talked about Long Term Care and the transition that needs to be made. Three things of importance:

1. Should have received a letter regarding rate increases
2. In April you will get another letter with information on how to avoid the rate increases.
3. There is a toll free number you can call to get your questions answered. 800 – 982-1775. It is a General Service number and they will direct you to who you need to talk to.

## CHAPTER MEETING - April 2, 2015 – 10:30 to 2:00 pm -

**Regular meeting Location:** Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA, (858) 278-6988. Off of I-15 – take AERO DR exit from North or South – go West to Signal -Turn Right. **Go to parking lot behind the building. Entrance to room is at back of building with a parking lot.**

**Doors open at 10:30 am.** Meeting - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please come early so we can get started on time. **OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER 17 MEMBERS**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1. **April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Lobby Day - Sacramento
2. **May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** – CalPERS Fair – Doubletree, Mission Valley, San Diego, CA
3. **June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter Meeting – Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Rd. San Diego. 10:30 to 2:00 pm
4. **June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>** – CSR statewide Committee and Board of Directors Meeting – Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley – San Diego, CA
5. **August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter Meeting – Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Rd, San Diego, CA 10:30 to 2:00 pm

6. **September 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday** – Mock GC/DA – 10:00 to 1:00pm – Elks Lodge, Santa Ana, CA (**DELEGATES**)
7. **October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Chapter Meeting – Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Rd. San Diego, CA 10:30 to 2:00 pm
8. **October 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>** – General Council & CSR Delegate Assembly – Sacramento, CA
9. **December 3<sup>rd</sup> - HOLIDAY MEETING** - Thursday: Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle S, San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: (619) 298-8281. I-8 at 163. Hotel Circle exit from either direction on I-8. **OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER 17 MEMBERS.**

## MEMBER RECRUITMENT

We have new recruitment and information packets ready to be placed at the San Diego CalPERS office and to be used for disseminating information to potential new members.

It includes information about CSR statewide, Chapter 17 locally, Chapter Calendar of Events for 2015 and an Application brochure.

When talking to potential members you can also tell them they can **complete their application online** at [www.CaliforniaStateRetirees.org](http://www.CaliforniaStateRetirees.org) and go to the JOIN tab. This is a secure website and requires an electronic signature.

Pay attention to The “CSR News Network”. CSR is on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+ and YouTube (this will have videos this month). <https://www.youtube.com/user/CAStateRetirees/>

Plenty of places to check us out.

Chapter 17's local website is: [www.CalStateRetirees-Chapter17.info](http://www.CalStateRetirees-Chapter17.info)

Chapter 17's email is: [Chaptr17@gmail.com](mailto:Chaptr17@gmail.com)

## CSR COMMITTEES & BOARD OF DIRECTOR TO MEET IN SAN DIEGO

The Statewide committees and Board of Directors will be meeting in San Diego June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru June 25<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are open to ALL CSR members. If you would like to listen and have a voice at the statewide level now is your chance. Meetings will be at the Doubletree in Mission Valley.

## CHAPTER 17 WORKING WITH OTHER SAN DIEGO RETIREE GROUPS

Chapter 17 was asked to participate with other San Diego Retiree Groups (CSR – State, City & County of San Diego, RPEA, etc) in the **San Diego Retirement Security Roundtable** discussing public conception of retiree benefits for government workers/retirees. Laurianne Bella and Elaine Edwards-Yahraus are attending these roundtables representing CSR and Chapter 17. We feel networking with San Diego Retiree Groups is a good way to get the message out to the public without us we would not have the services we have today. The goal is to have a common message to put forth representing all retirees.

1. Retirees contribute to economy
2. All workers should have retirement security
3. Public Retiree pensions are reasonable
4. Public employees pay for their pension benefits
5. Pensions are a certainly percentage of employers budget (3% of overall state budget)

We are excited about building this relationship and look forward to positive results.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS TRAINING IN SAN DIEGO

There will be Chapter Officer training in San Diego during June at the CSR Committee & Board of Directors week. All chapter Officers will be expected to attend.

This will be refresher of duties and responsibilities of each position as well officers are asked to be able to back up each position as needed.

This is not training for delegates.

# HEARING AID PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

There is a new Hearing Aid Plan available to members.

**EPIC** – Hearing Health Care – Service Plan. 1-866-956-5400 EPIC – [www.epichearing.com](http://www.epichearing.com)

CSR Members, spouses, dependents, etc

Reference Source Code: CSEA2015

- Savings on technology and equipment.
- Coverage all 50 states
- 30 to 60% savings below
- TOLL free number
- Member Booklet
- Hearing Screening tied to a hearing aid referral
- Hearing testing covered under Medicare
- Reduced fee schedule for those not covered by other health plan

Check with Member Benefits for more information or call the number above and check out the website.

**The EPIC Hearing Service Plan (HSP)** gives you access to the largest hearing care provider network in the country, and substantial savings on top tier manufacturer brand hearing devices.

Prices for brand name products, and services, starting as low as **\$495**

- Savings on hearing exams & devices
- Referrals to the largest national network of Audiologists and ENT physicians
- Fixed pricing reduced 30-60% below MSRP
- Access to all name brand hearing aids and technology
- Money-back trial periods
- Follow-up care
- On call customer service support

Extended warranties & complimentary batteries

Call EPIC today to start the process to better hearing.

**1 866.956.5400**

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**HEARING SERVICE PLAN MEMBER**

**Group: California State Employees Association**

EPIC HSP Toll Free 866.956.5400  
Email: [hear@epichearing.com](mailto:hear@epichearing.com)

Contact EPIC for a referral to a participating provider



#### Welcome

The EPIC Hearing Service Plan is the nation's first specialty care plan devoted to the vital sense of hearing. EPIC is dedicated to delivering the highest quality of care at the best value to our members.

#### Provider Network

The EPIC network is comprised of professional Audiologists and ENT physicians and represents the largest network of its kind in the nation with provider locations in all 50 states.

#### Hearing Aids

The EPIC Hearing Service Plan gives you access to all name brand hearing aid technology by the top tier hearing aid manufacturers at reduced prices, 30%-60% below MSRP; maximizing your value and savings.

#### How it Works

Contact an EPIC hearing counselor today. The hearing counselor can answer any questions you may have about the plan and coordinate your referral to a nearby participating provider. If the provider recommends you obtain hearing aids, an EPIC counselor will contact you to coordinate your coverage and payment. You will receive a 45 day trial period with a complimentary extended 3 year product warranty and one year supply of batteries\*.

\*Excludes Basic Level Products

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[epichearing.com](http://epichearing.com)

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\*\*\*\* If there is a committee you wish to help with please contact the President so you can be assigned \*\*\*\*

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS (have your SS# ready)

#### CSR Retirees, Inc.

888 808-7197

Fax: 916 326-4364

[www.californiastateretirees.org](http://www.californiastateretirees.org)

#### CSEA Member Benefits

800 952-5283

[www.calcsea.org/benefits](http://www.calcsea.org/benefits)

916 444-8134

#### CalPERS Headquarters

#### Retired Members

800 352-2238

#### Beneficiary

916 326-3848

800 352-2238

[www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

#### Social Security

800 772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

#### Medicare

800 633-4227

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)



## CHAPTER 17 – San Diego Member Meeting

February 5, 2014  
10:30 am to 2:00 pm

### AGENDA

- Call To Order** Diane Whorton, President
- Pledge of Allegiance** Steve Haley, Vice President
- Roll Call of Officers** Diane Whorton, President; Steve Haley, Vice President; Gloria Koch, Secretary (excused); Elaine Edwards-Yahraus, Treasurer
- Delegates** Diane Whorton, Elaine Edwards-Yahraus, Nellie Sayer, Marva Roddy, Patricia Oneill, Mark Flahan-absent, Pearl Pacheco-absent
- Committee Chairs** Laurianne Bella and Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Co- Chairs PAC Committee  
Aida Canonizado, Membership Chair absent)
- Introductions**
- Gene Waggoner, District G Director
  - Others
- Approval of Minutes** September, 2014 – Not available  
December, 2014 – Not available
- Treasurer's Report** Elaine Edwards-Yahraus New balance - \$13,842.47
- Treasurer's Report
  - 2015 Budget review (Adjusted) (Diane)
  - 3 Year Projected Budget (Diane)
- Gaspar – Motion to accept Treasurer's report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia. 3 yr. Passed
- President's Report** Diane Whorton, President
- Reminder:
- 6 meetings scheduled in San Diego area – 1 being the Holiday Meeting in December.
  - Location: Sizzler on Murphy Canyon Rd for 5 meetings
  - Holiday Meeting – Mission Valley Resort.  
Motion Gaspar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurie. Passed. Patricia Oneil, Chair
  - Meeting TIME: 10:30 to 2:00 pm. DOORS OPEN AT 10:30. Please come early so you can be seated before 11:00am.
- Welcome new members** none
- Committees Reports** PAC – Laurie Bella – Gaspar Oliveira – Gaspar – holiday gathering with State Bldg  
Membership – Aida Canonizado – Ambassador Program – RETIREE going to Metro and Downtown. Statewide list of state buildings to visit.
- Sub Committee** Laurie Bella – Elaine Edwards- Yahraus – Networking with San Diego Retiree Groups - San Diego Retirement Security Roundtable. Want a common message to put representing all retirees.
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  2. All workers should have retirement security
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  4. Public employees pay for their pension benefits
  5. Pensions are a certainly percentage of employers budget (3% of overall state budget)
- Another meeting in Spring

## **New Business**

- Nominations of Chapter Officers and Delegates – Nominations Chair, Sharon Hatch,  
Motion – Nellie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaspar: Member elected a President will also serve as delegate to CSR and CSEA – PASSED  
President, Diane Whorton,  
Vice President, Steve Haley,  
Secretary, Gloria Koch,  
Treasurer, Elaine Edwards-Yahraus.  
4 Motions made by Danny Morales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by multiple members for each position: Because only one candidate that they be elected by acclamation. PASSED.
- Lobby Day – Diane Whorton, Gaspar Oliveira, Laurianne Bella and Steve Haley will attend
- CalPERS Fair – San Diego – May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> am – Patricia, Richard Noble, Steve; pm - Marva, Diane May 9<sup>th</sup> am Elaine & Laurie; pm – Gaspar,

## **Old Business**

Recruitment Handouts – Discussed the printed material which includes our flyer with CSR information, chapter officer, committee chairs and chapter meeting information and CSR pamphlet stapled together to put at CalPERS office and other locations

Holiday Meeting – asked for volunteers and chair person. Patricia O’Neil volunteered to be chair with guidance and help

Member ID Cards Nobody has a card – none of our members in attendance has very received a membership card. Some have been retired over 5 years. Diane will follow up with Headquarters to find out why and order cards for our members

## **District G Report**

Gene Waggoner

Thank you Laurie & Elaine – extremely important to be involved and working with other Retiree Community group. Federal government is changing; things we worked hard to get may be destroyed or changed.

CA contributes \$30 Billion into our economy.

Danny – working full time for non-profit. Lobbies’ in Sac 3 times a year. SB1005 – Healthcare for undocumented people; \$1.3m in emergency health care costs

Elaine – Most of us did 20+ years to get full contribution. Those that didn’t have to pay bigger premiums. May be getting subsidized by CoveredCA. Dependant review with Cal PERS last year dropped a lot of children/grandchildren as they were not dependents. These may be qualified for CoveredCA.

Elaine: Over 1400 chapter membership – only 18 people at the meeting. Challenge to call and bring 1 person to the next meeting.

Gaspar: Friends raising grandchildren. Might need CoveredCA as well.

## **Door Prize**

All members in attendance were given a \$5.00 rebate on their lunch cost.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

1:23 pm